

Amendment AFR, GAU3618, Ser.No. 09/995,097

REMARKS

Subject Matter of Claim 4: New claims 20 and 21, along with claims 18 and 19 already added on October 3, follow claims 14 and 15 that were already pending during the appeal. The claim pairs 14/15; 18/20; and 19/21, are all similar and depend from independent claims 13, 5, and 17, respectively. The claims 18-21 do not conflict with the subject matter of their base claims and therefore the base claims are generic to the restricted claims, and entry is proper.

Subject Matter of Claim 7: New claim 22 reinstates canceled claim 7. That claim 5 is generic to claim 22 is shown by the fact that claim 6 describes the elected embodiment but is dependent from claim 5, so that independent claim 5 does not include the subject matter related to the restriction, and therefore is generic. New claims 23-26 are similar to claims 6 and 22 but depend from base claims 13 and 17, with which there is no conflict, so that these claims are generic and entry is proper.

Subject Matter of Claim 10: New claim 27 reinstates claim 10.

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